

AUG 24 1999

2162 Park Ridge Drive
Riverbank, CA 95367

August 23, 1999

CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Rick Breitenbach

Dear Mr. Brietenbach:

As a member of California Trout I am pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the CalFed Phase 2 report.

The report places undue reliance on major projects, surface dams and reservoir projects, which are both uneconomical and environmentally harmful. Such projects have been significantly responsible for the present degradation of our rivers and the Bay-Delta.

If reliance is going to be placed on such major projects, the water districts who primarily benefit should pay the entire costs at non-subsidized rates.

Provisions need to be made for increased flows in the Lower Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and Merced Rivers for anadromous fish and water quality purposes. The water districts have profited enormously by the use of public trust water. These profits have been taken at the expense of the degradation of our rivers and the bay. It is now time to restore some of that water to the public trust for environmental purposes.

Very truly yours,

By 
JOHN T. MURPHY

JTM:ms
cc: Cal Trout